

MATTER OF PANGANIBAN

In Visa Petition Proceedings

A-17235606

*Decided by Deputy Associate Commissioner July 10, 1970*

A medical technologist who has a baccalaureate degree with major study in medical technology from an accredited college or university in the United States or such degree from a foreign college or university which is evaluated as its equivalent by the United States Office of Education; or who has completed successfully at an accredited college or university 3 years of academic study which meets the requirements for entering a school of medical technology approved by the American Medical Association, plus a year of clinical training at such approved school of medical technology, is a member of the professions within the meaning of section 101(a)(32) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, and is eligible for preference classification under section 203(a)(3) of the Act, as a medical technologist. [*Matter of Asuncion*, 11 I. & N. Dec. 660, overruled.]

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The Regional Commissioner on March 20, 1970, approved this petition filed to accord the petitioner-beneficiary preference classification as a medical technologist under section 203(a)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act and he has certified the case for decision by the Deputy Associate Commissioner, Travel Control, because of a contrary finding regarding this occupation in *Matter of Asuncion*, 11 I. & N. Dec. 660 (1966).

The petitioner, a twenty-six-year-old native and citizen of the Philippines, graduated on July 18, 1967 from the Centro Escolar University, Manila, Philippines, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology. Included in his successful completion of eight semesters of study was an internship from June 1966 to July 1967 in his field of specialization at two hospitals and a public health laboratory in the Philippines. He has been licensed after State examination in California as a Clinical Laboratory Technologist (Medical Technologist), and he has been em-